GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:91
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Bringing Back of Antiquities
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any list of antique items/statues/idols of national importance which are kept abroad in museums of different countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has received some antique items from various foreign countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

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(a) & (b) Archaeological Survey of India maintains only list of those antiquities which have been sent abroad under Temporary Export Permit by the Director General, Archaeological Survey of India. Information in respect of the antiquities abroad, not sent through Archaeological Survey of India, is not available.

(c) & (d) The Government of India has retrieved twenty eight antiquities from foreign country (Annexure I).

Annexure I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY PART TO (c) & (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.91 FOR 18.07.2016

LIST OF RETRIEVAL OF ANTIQUITIES FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

Sl.No. Description of object Provenance Country from which retrieved Date/
year of Retrieval
1. Sawn stucco Head Nalanda, Bihar U.K. and France 1976
2. Nataraja of Chola period Sivapuram Tamil Nadu U.S.A. 1986
3. Terracotta Yakashi of Tamluk West Bengal U.K. 1986
4. Nataraja of Chola period Tiruvilakkadi, Tamil Nadu U.S.A 1986
5. Nataraja of Chola period Pathur, Tamil Nadu U.K. 1991
6. Terracotta figures from Bhitargaon Utter Pradesh U.S.A 1991
7. Amin pillars Amin, Haryana U.K 1979-80
8. Image of Buddha Bodhgaya, Bihar U.S.A 1999
9. Sculpture of Krishnajanma Dhubela Museum Chattarpur (M.P.) U.S.A 1999
10. Paintings i)Chandigarh Museum U.S.A 10-1-1990
ii) Chandigarh Museum U.S.A 4-3-1979
11. Image of Lakulisa Jageswar U.S.A 2000
12. Decorative Wooden panels (7 nos.) Rajasthan Holand 2001
13. Retrieval of Yogini Vrishanana -- Paris 2013
14. Nataraja Tamil Nadu Australia 2014
15 Ardhanareeswar form Australia Tamil Nadu Australia 2014
16. Parrot Lady Madhya Pradesh Canada 2015
17. Durga (Mahishmardini) J&K Germany 2015
18. Uma Parameshwari Tamil Nadu Singapore 2015
19. Bronze image of Saint Manikkavachaka Tamil Nadu U.S.A 2016
20. Metal image of Ganesha Tamil Nadu U.S.A 2016
21. Female Figure (Honolulu Museum) Eastern India U.S.A 2016
22. Male Deity (Honolulu Museum) Madhya Pradesh U.S.A 2016
23. Floral Tile, Harvan Kashmir U.S.A 2016
24. Sri Devi, Chola Period Tamil Nadu U.S.A 2016
25. Bahubali Probably Andhra Pradesh U.S.A 2016

26. Metal image of Parvati Tamil Nadu U.S.A 2016
27. Bronze image of Bhoodevi Tamil Nadu U.S.A. 2016
28. Bronze image of Chakkrathalwar Tamil Nadu U.S.A. 2016